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User Manual

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Chapter 1: Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock ***E350M1*** motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

In this manual, chapter 1 and 2 contain introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step guide to the hardware installation. Chapter 3 and 4 contain the configuration guide to BIOS setup and information of the Support CD.

Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this manual will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this manual occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock website without further notice. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well. ASRock website http://www.asrock.com

If you require technical support related to this motherboard, please visit our website for specific information about the model you are using. www.asrock.com/support/index.asp

1.1 Package Contents

ASRock ***E350M1*** Motherboard
(Mini-ITX Form Factor: 6.7-in x 6.7-in, 17.0 cm x 17.0 cm)
ASRock ***E350M1*** Quick Installation Guide
ASRock ***E350M1*** Support CD
2 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)
1 x I/O Panel Shield

ASRock Reminds You...

To get better performance in Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit, it is recommended to set the BIOS option in Storage Configuration to AHCI mode. For the BIOS setup, please refer to the "User Manual" in our support CD for details.

1.2 Specifications

Platform	- Mini-ITX Form Factor: 6.7-in x 6.7-in, 17.0 cm x 17.0 cm - Solid Capacitor for CPU power
CPU	- AMD Dual-Core Zacate E350 APU - Supports AMD's Cool 'n' Quiet™ Technology - UMI 2.5 GT/s
Chipset	- AMD A50M Chipset
Memory	- 2 x DDR3 DIMM slots - Supports DDR3 1066/800 non-ECC, un-buffered memory - Max. capacity of system memory: 16GB (see **CAUTION 1**)
Expansion Slot	- 1 x PCI Express 2.0 x16 slot (blue @ x4 mode)
Graphics	- Integrated AMD Radeon HD 6310 graphics - DX11 class iGPU, Pixel Shader 5.0 - Max. shared memory 512MB (see **CAUTION 2**) - Three VGA Output options: D-Sub, DVI-D and HDMI - Supports HDMI Technology with max. resolution up to 1920x1200 (1080P) - Supports DVI with max. resolution up to 1920x1200 @ 75Hz - Supports D-Sub with max. resolution up to 2048x1536 @ 85Hz - Supports HDCP function with DVI and HDMI ports - Supports Full HD 1080p Blu-ray (BD) / HD-DVD playback with DVI and HDMI ports - Supports Dolby® TrueHD and DTS-HD Master Audio through HDMI port
Audio	- 7.1 CH HD Audio with Content Protection (Realtek ALC892 Audio Codec) - Premium Blu-ray audio support
LAN	- PCIE x1 Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000 Mb/s - Realtek RTL8111E - Supports Wake-On-LAN - Supports LAN Cable Detection - Supports Energy Efficient Ethernet 802.3az
Rear Panel I/O	I/O Panel - 1 x PS/2 Keyboard/Mouse Port - 1 x VGA/D-Sub Port - 1 x VGA/DVI-D Port - 1 x HDMI Port - 1 x Optical SPDIF Out Port

	- 6 x Ready-to-Use USB 2.0 Ports - 1 x eSATA3 Connector - 1 x RJ-45 LAN Port with LED (ACT/LINK LED and SPEED LED) - HD Audio Jack: Rear Speaker/Central/Bass/Line in/Front Speaker/Microphone (see **CAUTION 3**)
SATA3	- 4 x SATA3 6.0 Gb/s connectors, support NCQ, AHCI and "Hot Plug" functions
Connector	- 4 x SATA3 6.0Gb/s connectors - 1 x CIR header - 1 x COM port header - CPU/Chassis FAN connector - 24 pin ATX power connector - Front panel audio connector - 2 x USB 2.0 headers (support 4 USB 2.0 ports)
BIOS Feature	- 32Mb AMI BIOS - AMI UEFI Legal BIOS with GUI support - Supports “Plug and Play” - ACPI 1.1 Compliance Wake Up Events - Supports jumperfree - SMBIOS 2.3.1 Support - DRAM, FCH, +1V, +1.8V Voltage Multi-adjustment
Support CD	- Drivers, Utilities, AntiVirus Software (Trial Version), ASRock Software Suite (CyberLink DVD Suite - OEM and Trial; Creative Sound Blaster X-Fi MB - Trial)

Unique Feature	- Instant Boot
	- ASRock Instant Flash (see **CAUTION 4**)
	- ASRock AIWI (see **CAUTION 5**)
	- ASRock APP Charger (see **CAUTION 6**)
	- SmartView (see **CAUTION 7**)
	- ASRock XFast USB (see **CAUTION 8**)
	- Hybrid Booster:
	  - ASRock U-COP (see **CAUTION 9**)
	  - Boot Failure Guard (B.F.G.)

Hardware Monitor	- CPU Temperature Sensing - Chassis Temperature Sensing - CPU/Chassis Fan Tachometer - CPU/Chassis Quiet Fan (Allow Chassis Fan Speed Auto-Adjust by CPU or MB Temperature) - CPU/Chassis Fan Multi-Speed Control - Voltage Monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, CPU Vcore

OS	- Microsoft® Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP Media Center / XP 64-bit compliant
Certifications	- FCC, CE, WHQL - ErP/EuP Ready (ErP/EuP ready power supply is required) (see **CAUTION 10**)

* For detailed product information, please visit our website: http://www.asrock.com

WARNING

Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using the third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system stability, or even cause damage to the components and devices of your system. It should be done at your own risk and expense. We are not responsible for possible damage caused by overclocking.

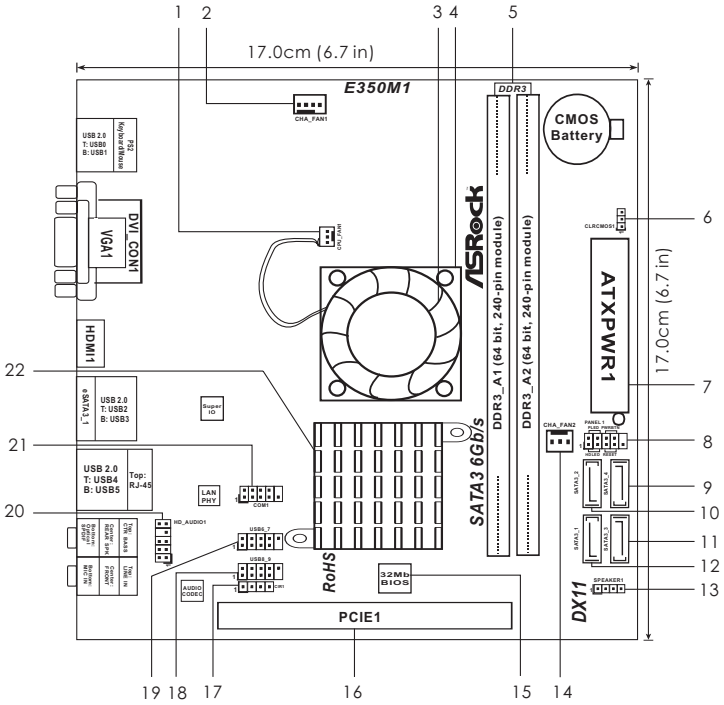
CAUTION!

1. Due to the operating system limitation, the actual memory size may be less than 4GB for the reservation for system usage under Windows® 7 / Vista™ / XP. For Windows® OS with 64-bit CPU, there is no such limitation.
2. The maximum shared memory size is defined by the chipset vendor and is subject to change. Please check AMD website for the latest information.
3. For microphone input, this motherboard supports both stereo and mono modes. For audio output, this motherboard supports 2-channel, 4-channel, 6-channel, and 8-channel modes. Please check the table on page 11 for proper connection.
4. ASRock Instant Flash is a BIOS flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient BIOS update tool allows you to update system BIOS without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. With this utility, you can press <F6> key during the POST or press <F2> key to BIOS setup menu to access ASRock Instant Flash. Just launch this tool and save the new BIOS file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive, then you can update your BIOS only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system.
5. To experience intuitive motion controlled games is no longer only available at Wii. ASRock AIWI utility introduces a new way of PC gaming operation. ASRock AIWI is the world's first utility to turn your iPhone/iPod touch as a game joystick to control your PC games. All you have to do is just to install the ASRock AIWI utility either from ASRock official website or ASRock software support CD to your motherboard, and also download the free AIWI Lite from App store to your iPhone/iPod touch. Connecting

your PC and apple devices via Bluetooth or WiFi networks, then you can start experiencing the exciting motion controlled games. Also, please do not forget to pay attention to ASRock official website regularly, we will continuously provide you the most up-do-date supported games!
ASRock website: http://www.asrock.com/Feature/Aiwi/index.asp

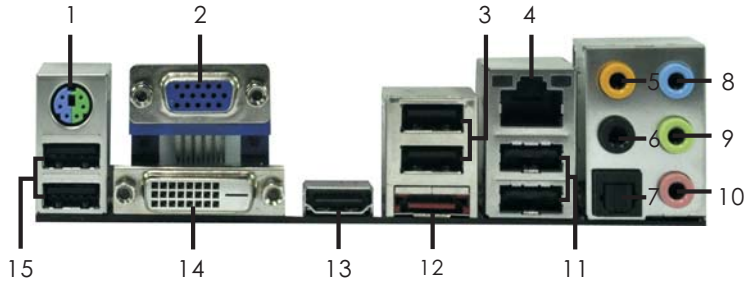
6. If you desire a faster, less restricted way of charging your Apple devices, such as iPhone/iPod/iPad Touch, ASRock has prepared a wonderful solution for you - ASRock APP Charger. Simply installing the APP Charger driver, it makes your iPhone charged much quickly from your computer and up to 40% faster than before. ASRock APP Charger allows you to quickly charge many Apple devices simultaneously and even supports continuous charging when your PC enters into Standby mode (S1), Suspend to RAM (S3), hibernation mode (S4) or power off (S5). With APP Charger driver installed, you can easily enjoy the marvelous charging experience than ever.
ASRock website: http://www.asrock.com/Feature/AppCharger/index.asp
7. SmartView, a new function of internet browser, is the smart start page for IE that combines your most visited web sites, your history, your Facebook friends and your real-time newsfeed into an enhanced view for a more personal Internet experience. ASRock motherboards are exclusively equipped with the SmartView utility that helps you keep in touch with friends on-the-go. To use SmartView feature, please make sure your OS version is Windows® 7 / 7 64 bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64 bit, and your browser version is IE8. ASRock website: http://www.asrock.com/Feature/SmartView/index.asp
8. While CPU overheat is detected, the system will automatically shutdown. Before you resume the system, please check if the CPU fan on the motherboard functions properly and unplug the power cord, then plug it back again. To improve heat dissipation, remember to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink when you install the PC system.
9. ASRock XFast USB can boost USB storage device performance. The performance may depend on the property of the device.
10. EuP, stands for Energy Using Product, was a provision regulated by European Union to define the power consumption for the completed system. According to EuP, the total AC power of the completed system shall be under 1.00W in off mode condition. To meet EuP standard, an EuP ready motherboard and an EuP ready power supply are required. According to Intel's suggestion, the EuP ready power supply must meet the standard of 5v standby power efficiency is higher than 50% under 100 mA current consumption. For EuP ready power supply selection, we recommend you checking with the power supply manufacturer for more details.

1.3 Motherboard Layout



1	CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)
2	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)
3	CPU Fan
4	CPU Heatsink
5	2 x 240-pin DDR3 DIMM Slots (DDR3_A1, DDR3_A2, Blue)
6	Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)
7	ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)
8	System Panel Header (PANEL1, White)
9	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_4, White)
10	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_2, White)
11	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_3, White)
12	SATA3 Connector (SATA3_1, White)
13	Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER 1, White)
14	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN2)
15	32Mb SPI Flash
16	PCI Express 2.0 x16 Slot (PCIE1, Blue)
17	Consumer Infrared Module Header (CIR1)
18	USB 2.0 Header (USB8_9, Blue)
19	USB 2.0 Header (USB6_7, Blue)
20	Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1, White)
21	COM Port Header (COM1)
22	AMD A50M Chipset

1.4 I/O Panel



1	PS/2 Keyboard/Mouse Port (Purple/Green)	** 9	Front Speaker (Lime)
2	VGA/D-Sub Port	10	Microphone (Pink)
3	USB 2.0 Ports (USB23)	11	USB 2.0 Ports (USB45)
* 4	LAN RJ-45 Port	12	eSATA3 Port
5	Central / Bass (Orange)	13	VGA/HDMI Port
6	Rear Speaker (Black)	14	VGA/DVI-D Port
7	Optical SPDIF Out Port	15	USB 2.0 Ports (USB01)
8	Line In (Light Blue)		

* There are two LED next to the LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.

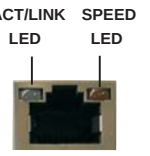
LAN Port LED Indications

Activity/Link LED

Status	Description
Off	No Link
Blinking	Data Activity
On	Link

SPEED LED

Status	Description
Off	10Mbps connection
Orange	100Mbps connection
Green	1Gbps connection



LAN Port

****** If you use 2-channel speaker, please connect the speaker's plug into "Front Speaker Jack". See the table below for connection details in accordance with the type of speaker you use.

TABLE for Audio Output Connection

Audio Output Channels	Front Speaker (No. 9)	Rear Speaker (No. 6)	Central / Bass (No. 5)	Line In or Side Speaker (No. 8)
2	V	--	--	--
4	V	V	--	--
6	V	V	V	--
8	V	V	V	V

To enable Multi-Streaming function, you need to connect a front panel audio cable to the front panel audio header. After restarting your computer, you will find “Mixer” tool on your system. Please select “Mixer ToolBox” , click “Enable playback multi-streaming”, and click “ok”. Choose “2CH”, “4CH”, “6CH”, or “8CH” and then you are allowed to select “Realtek HDA Primary output” to use Rear Speaker, Central/Bass, and Front Speaker, or select “Realtek HDA Audio 2nd output” to use front panel audio.

Chapter 2: Installation_

This is a Mini-ITX form factor (6.7" x 6.7", 17.0 x 17.0 cm) motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

Make sure to unplug the power cord before installing or removing the motherboard. Failure to do so may cause physical injuries to you and damages to motherboard components.

2.1 Screw Holes

Place screws into the holes indicated by circles to secure the motherboard to the chassis.

Do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

2.2 Pre-installation Precautions

Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded antistatic pad or in the bag that comes with the component.

Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the power is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply.
Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, and/or components.

2.3 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

E350M1 motherboard provides two 240-pin DDR3 (Double Data Rate 3) DIMM slots.

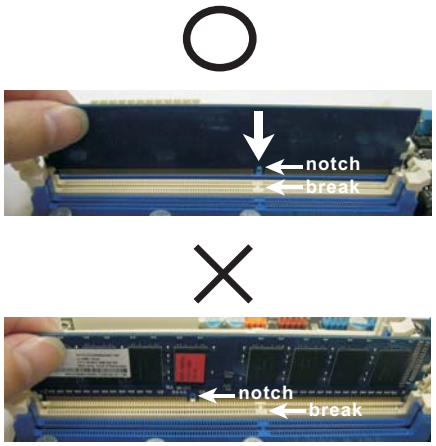
It is not allowed to install a DDR or DDR2 memory module into DDR3 slot; otherwise, this motherboard and DIMM may be damaged.

Installing a DIMM

Please make sure to disconnect power supply before adding or removing DIMMs or the system components.

Step 1. Unlock a DIMM slot by pressing the retaining clips outward.

Step 2. Align a DIMM on the slot such that the notch on the DIMM matches the break on the slot.



The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

Step 3. Firmly insert the DIMM into the slot until the retaining clips at both ends fully snap back in place and the DIMM is properly seated.

2.4 Expansion Slot (PCI Express Slot)

There is 1 PCI Express slot on this motherboard.

PCIE slot:

PCIE1 (PCIE x16 slot; Blue) is used for PCI Express x4 lane width graphics cards.

Installing an expansion card

Step 1. Before installing the expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.

Step 2. Remove the system unit cover (if your motherboard is already installed in a chassis).

Step 3. Remove the bracket facing the slot that you intend to use. Keep the screws for later use.

Step 4. Align the card connector with the slot and press firmly until the card is completely seated on the slot.

Step 5. Fasten the card to the chassis with screws.

Step 6. Replace the system cover.

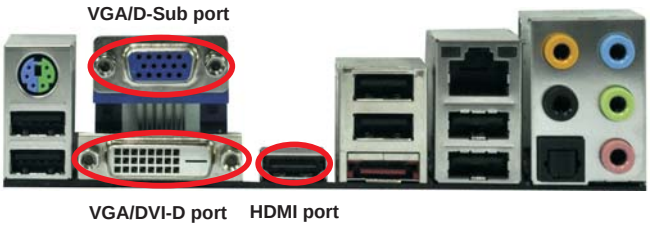
2.5 Dual Monitor Feature

Dual Monitor Feature

This motherboard supports dual monitor feature. With the internal VGA output support (DVI-D, D-Sub and HDMI), you can easily enjoy the benefits of dual monitor feature without installing any add-on VGA card to this motherboard. This motherboard also provides independent display controllers for DVI-D, D-Sub and HDMI to support dual VGA output so that DVI-D, D-sub and HDMI can drive same or different display contents.

To enable dual monitor feature, please follow the below steps:

1. Connect DVI-D monitor cable to VGA/DVI-D port on the I/O panel, connect D-Sub monitor cable to VGA/D-Sub port on the I/O panel, or connect HDMI monitor cable to HDMI port on the I/O panel.



2. If you have installed onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system already, you can freely enjoy the benefits of dual monitor function after your system boots. If you haven't installed onboard VGA driver yet, please install onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system and restart your computer.

D-Sub, DVI-D and HDMI monitors cannot be enabled at the same time. You can only choose the combination: DVI-D + HDMI, DVI-D + D-Sub, or HDMI + D-Sub.

HDCP Function

HDCP function is supported on this motherboard. To use HDCP function with this motherboard, you need to adopt the monitor that supports HDCP function as well. Therefore, you can enjoy the superior display quality with high-definition HDCP encryption contents. Please refer to below instruction for more details about HDCP function.

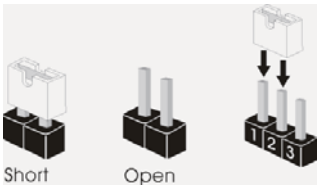
What is HDCP?

HDCP stands for High-Bandwidth Digital Content Protection, a specification developed by Intel® for protecting digital entertainment content that uses the DVI interface. HDCP is a copy protection scheme to eliminate the possibility of intercepting digital data midstream between the video source, or transmitter - such as a computer, DVD player or set-top box - and the digital display, or receiver - such as a monitor, television or projector. In other words, HDCP specification is designed to protect the integrity of content as it is being transmitted.

Products compatible with the HDCP scheme such as DVD players, satellite and cable HDTV set-top-boxes, as well as few entertainment PCs requires a secure connection to a compliant display. Due to the increase in manufacturers employing HDCP in their equipment, it is highly recommended that the HDTV or LCD monitor you purchase is compatible.

2.6 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Open”. The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are “Short” when jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



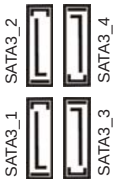
Jumper	Setting	Description
Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1) (see p.10, No. 6)	1_2 Default; 2_3 Clear CMOS	

Note: CLRCMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short pin2 and pin3 on CLRCMOS1 for 5 seconds. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action. Please be noted that the password, date, time, user default profile, 1394 GUID and MAC address will be cleared only if the CMOS battery is removed.

2.7 Onboard Headers and Connectors

Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage of the motherboard!

Serial ATA3 Connectors
(SATA3_1: see p.10, No. 12)
(SATA3_2: see p.10, No. 10)
(SATA3_3: see p.10, No. 11)
(SATA3_4: see p.10, No. 9)

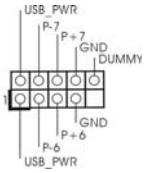


These four Serial ATA3 (SATA3) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATA3 interface allows up to 6.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

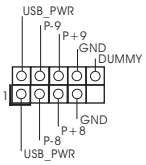
Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cable
(Optional)

Either end of the SATA data cable can be connected to the SATA / SATAII / SATA3 hard disk or the SATAII / SATA3 connector on this motherboard.

USB 2.0 Headers
(9-pin USB6_7)
(see p.10 No. 19)

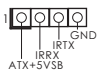


(9-pin USB8_9)
(see p.10 No. 18)



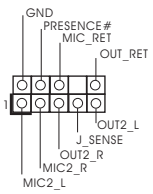
Besides six default USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel, there are two USB 2.0 headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two USB 2.0 ports.

Consumer Infrared Module Header
(4-pin CIR1)
(see p.10 No. 17)



This header can be used to connect the remote controller receiver.

Front Panel Audio Header
(9-pin HD_AUDIO1)
(see p.10 No. 20)



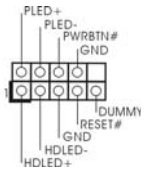
This is an interface for front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.

1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instruction in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.
2. If you use AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header as below:
   A. Connect Mic_IN (MIC) to MIC2_L.
   B. Connect Audio_R (RIN) to OUT2_R and Audio_L (LIN) to OUT2_L.
   C. Connect Ground (GND) to Ground (GND).
   D. MIC_RET and OUT_RET are for HD audio panel only. You don't need to connect them for AC'97 audio panel.
   E. To activate the front mic.
      For Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS:
      Select "Mixer". Select "Recorder". Then click "FrontMic".
      For Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS:
      Go to the "FrontMic" Tab in the Realtek Control panel. Adjust "Recording Volume".

System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.10 No. 8)



This header accommodates several system front panel functions.

Connect the power switch, reset switch and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.

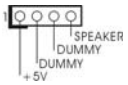
PWRBTN (Power Switch):
Connect to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch.
RESET (Reset Switch):
Connect to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.
PLED (System Power LED):
Connect to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the system is in S1 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S3/S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).
HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):
Connect to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assign-ments are matched correctly.

Chassis Speaker Header

(4-pin SPEAKER 1)

(see p.10 No. 13)

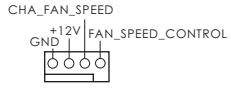


Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

Chassis Fan Connectors

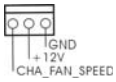
(4-pin CHA_FAN1)

(see p.10 No. 2)



(3-pin CHA_FAN2)

(see p.10 No. 14)



Please connect the fan cables to the fan connectors and match the black wire to the ground pin. CHA_FAN2 supports fan speed control by fan power voltage.

CPU Fan Connectors

(3-pin CPU_FAN1)

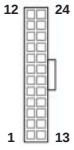
(see p.10 No. 1)

Please connect the CPU fan cable to the connector and match the black wire to the ground pin. CPU_FAN1 supports fan speed control.

ATX Power Connector

(24-pin ATXPWR1)

(see p.10 No. 7)



Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.

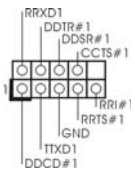
Though this motherboard provides 24-pin ATX power connector, it can still work if you adopt a traditional 20-pin ATX power supply. To use the 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with Pin 1 and Pin 13.

20-Pin ATX Power Supply Installation

Serial port Header

(9-pin COM1)

(see p.10 No. 21)



This COM1 header supports a serial port module.

2.8 Serial ATA3 (SATA3) Hard Disks Installation

This motherboard adopts AMD A50M chipset that supports Serial ATA3 (SATA3) hard disks. You may install SATA3 hard disks on this motherboard for internal storage devices. This section will guide you to install the SATA3 hard disks.

STEP 1: Install the SATA3 hard disks into the drive bays of your chassis.
STEP 2: Connect the SATA power cable to the SATA3 hard disk.
STEP 3: Connect one end of the SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATA3 connector.
STEP 4: Connect the other end of the SATA data cable to the SATA3 hard disk.

2.9 Hot Plug Function for SATA3 HDDs

This motherboard supports Hot Plug function for SATA3 in AHCI mode. AMD A50M chipset provides hardware support for Advanced Host controller Interface (AHCI), a new programming interface for SATA host controllers developed thru a joint industry effort.

NOTE

What is Hot Plug Function?

If the SATA3 HDDs are NOT set for RAID configuration, it is called “Hot Plug” for the action to insert and remove the SATA3 HDDs while the system is still power-on and in working condition.

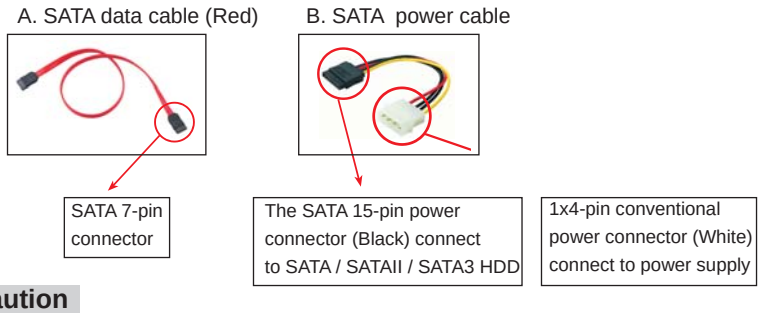
However, please note that it cannot perform Hot Plug if the OS has been installed into the SATA3 HDD.

2.10 SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD Hot Plug Feature and Operation Guide

This motherboard supports Hot Plug feature for SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD in AHCI mode. Please read below operation guide of Hot Plug feature carefully. Before you process the SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD Hot Plug, please check below cable accessories from the motherboard gift box pack.

A. 7-pin SATA data cable

B. SATA power cable with SATA 15-pin power connector interface


A. SATA data cable (Red)
B. SATA power cable
SATA 7-pin connector
The SATA 15-pin power connector (Black) connect to SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD
1x4-pin conventional power connector (White) connect to power supply

Caution

1. Without SATA 15-pin power connector interface, the SATA / SATAII / SATA3 Hot Plug cannot be processed.
2. Even some SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDDs provide both SATA 15-pin power connector and IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interfaces, the IDE 1x4-pin conventional power connector interface is definitely not able to support Hot Plug and will cause the HDD damage and data loss.

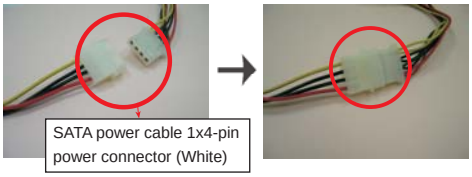
Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:

1. Below operation procedure is designed only for our motherboard, which supports SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD Hot Plug.
   * The SATA / SATAII / SATA3 Hot Plug feature might not be supported by the chipset because of its limitation, the SATA / SATAII / SATA3 Hot Plug support information of our motherboard is indicated in the product spec on our website: www.asrock.com
2. Make sure your SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD can support Hot Plug function from your dealer or HDD user manual. The SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD, which cannot support Hot Plug function, will be damaged under the Hot Plug operation.
3. Please make sure the SATA / SATAII / SATA3 driver is installed into system properly. The latest SATA / SATAII / SATA3 driver is available on our support website: www.asrock.com
4. Make sure to use the SATA power cable & data cable, which are from our motherboard package.
5. Please follow below instructions step by step to reduce the risk of HDD crash or data loss.

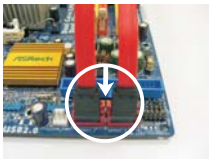
How to Hot Plug a SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD:

Points of attention, before you process the Hot Plug:
Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Plug, improper procedure will cause the SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD damage and data loss.

Step *1* Please connect SATA power cable 1x4-pin end (White) to the power supply 1x4-pin cable.



Step *2* Connect SATA data cable to the motherboard's SATAII / SATA3 connector.



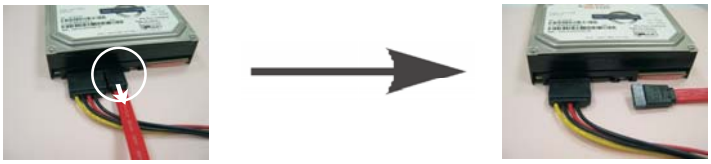
Step *3* Connect SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) end to SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD.

Step *4* Connect SATA data cable to the SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD.

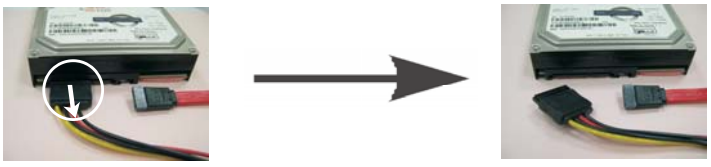
How to Hot Unplug a SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD:

Points of attention, before you process the Hot Unplug:
Please do follow below instruction sequence to process the Hot Unplug, improper procedure will cause the SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD damage and data loss.

Step *1* Unplug SATA data cable from SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD side.



Step *2* Unplug SATA 15-pin power cable connector (Black) from SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDD side.



2.11 Driver Installation Guide

To install the drivers to your system, please insert the support CD to your optical drive first. Then, the drivers compatible to your system can be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please follow the order from up to bottom side to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.

2.12 Installing Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP 64-bit OS on your SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below procedures according to the OS you install.

2.12.1 Installing Windows® XP / XP 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

AHCI mode is not supported under Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS.

Using SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDDs without NCQ function

STEP 1: Set up UEFI.

A. Enter UEFI SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.

B. Set the option “SATA Mode” to [IDE].

STEP 2: Install Windows® XP / XP 64-bit OS on your system.

2.12.2 Installing Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit Without RAID Functions

If you want to install Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDDs without RAID functions, please follow below steps.

Using SATA / SATAII / SATA3 HDDs with NCQ function

STEP 1: Set up UEFI.

A. Enter UEFI SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.

B. Set the option “SATA Mode” to [AHCI].

STEP 2: Install Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

Using SATA / SATAII / STA3 HDDs without NCQ function

STEP 1: Set up UEFI.

A. Enter UEFI SETUP UTILITY → Advanced screen → Storage Configuration.

B. Set the option “SATA Mode” to [IDE].

STEP 2: Install Windows® 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit OS on your system.

Chapter 3: UEFI SETUP UTILITY

3.1 Introduction

This section explains how to use the UEFI SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The UEFI chip on the motherboard stores the UEFI SETUP UTILITY. You may run the UEFI SETUP UTILITY when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> or <Del> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.

If you wish to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.

Because the UEFI software is constantly being updated, the following UEFI setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

3.1.1 UEFI Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

Main	To set up the system time/date information
OC Tweaker	To set up overclocking features
Advanced	To set up the advanced UEFI features
H/W Monitor	To display current hardware status
Boot	To set up the default system device to locate and load the Operating System
Security	To set up the security features
Exit	To exit the current screen or the UEFI SETUP UTILITY

Use <← > key or < → > key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen. You can also use the mouse to click your required item.

3.1.2 Navigation Keys

Please check the following table for the function description of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
← / →	Moves cursor left or right to select Screens
↑ / ↓	Moves cursor up or down to select items
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Enter>	To bring up the selected screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F9>	To load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	To save changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY
<ESC>	To jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

3.2 Main Screen

When you enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview.

3.3 OC Tweaker Screen

In the OC Tweaker screen, you can set up overclocking features.

DRAM Timing Control

DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assigns appropriate frequency automatically.

Bank Interleaving

Interleaving allows memory accesses to be spread out over banks on the same node, or accross nodes, decreasing access contention.

CAS# Latency (tCL)

Use this item to change CAS# Latency (tCL) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

RAS# to CAS# Delay (tRCD)

Use this item to change RAS# to CAS# Delay (tRCD) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Row Precharge Time (tRP)

Use this item to change Row Precharge Time (tRP) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

RAS# Active Time (tRAS)

Use this item to change RAS# Active Time (tRAS) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Command Rate (CR)

Use this item to change Command Rate (CR) Auto/Manual setting. Min: 1N. Max: 2N. The default is [Auto].

Write Recovery Time (tWR)

Use this item to change Write Recovery Time (tWR) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Refresh Cycle Time (tRFC)

Use this item to change Refresh Cycle Time (tRFC) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

RAS to RAS Delay (tRRD)

Use this item to change RAS to RAS Delay (tRRD) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Write to Read Delay (tWTR)

Use this item to change Write to Read Delay (tWTR) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Read to Precharge (tRTP)

Use this item to change Read to Precharge (tRTP) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Four Activate Window (tFAW)

Use this item to change Four Activate Window (tFAW) Auto/Manual setting. The default is [Auto].

Voltage Control

DRAM Voltage

Use this to select DRAM Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.300V] to [1.965V]. The default value is [Auto].

+1V Voltage

Use this to select +1V Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.07V] to [1.16V]. The default value is [Auto].

FCH Voltage

Use this to select FCH Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.10V] to [1.40V]. The default value is [Auto].

+1.8V Voltage

Use this to select +1.8V Voltage. Configuration options: [Auto], [1.85V] to [2.10V]. The default value is [Auto].

User Default

In this option, you are allowed to load and save three user defaults according to your own requirements.

3.4 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, North Bridge Configuration, South Bridge Configuration, Storage Configuration, Super IO Configuration, ACPI Configuration and USB Configuration.

Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

ASRock Instant Flash

ASRock Instant Flash is a UEFI flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient UEFI update tool allows you to update system UEFI without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. Just launch this tool and save the new UEFI file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive, then you can update your UEFI only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system. If you execute ASRock Instant Flash utility, the utility will show the UEFI files and their respective information. Select the proper UEFI file to update your UEFI, and reboot your system after UEFI update process completes.

3.4.1 CPU Configuration

Cool 'n' Quiet

Use this item to enable or disable AMD's Cool 'n' Quiet™ technology. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [Enabled] and [Disabled]. If you install Windows® 7 / Vista™ and want to enable this function, please set this item to [Enabled]. Please note that enabling this function may reduce CPU voltage and memory frequency, and lead to system stability or compatibility issue with some memory modules or power supplies. Please set this item to [Disable] if above issue occurs.

NX Mode

Use this to enable or disable No-execute page protection function, which can prevent data pages from being used by malicious software to execute code. The default value is [Enabled].

SVM Mode

Use this to enable or disable SVM (Secure Virtual Machine) architecture. When this option is set to [Enabled], a VMM (Virtual Machine Architecture) can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by AMD-V. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. The default value is [Enabled].

C6 Mode

Use this to enable or disable CPU C6 state. The default value is [Disabled].

3.4.2 North Bridge Configuration

Integrated Graphics

This allows you to select the boot graphic adapter priority. Configuration options: [Auto], [Disabled] and [Force]. If you select [Auto], the onboard VGA will be disabled when the PCI Express VGA card is installed. The default value is [Auto].

Onboard HDMI HD Audio

This allows you to enable or disable the “Onboard HDMI HD Audio” feature.

3.4.3 South Bridge Configuration

Restore on AC/Power Loss

This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC/power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC/power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC/power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

Onboard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the “Onboard LAN” feature.

Onboard HD Audio

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio feature. If you select [Auto], the onboard HD Audio will be disabled when PCI Sound Card is plugged.

Front Panel

Select [Auto] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio Front Panel.

ACPI HPET Table

Use this item to enable or disable ACPI HPET Table. The default value is [Enabled]. Please set this option to [Enabled] if you plan to use this motherboard to submit Windows® Vista™ certification.

3.4.4 Storage Configuration

SATA Controller

Use this to enable or disable SATA controller. The default value is [Enabled].

SATA Mode

Use this to select SATA mode. Configuration options: [IDE Mode] and [AHCI Mode]. The default value is [IDE Mode].

AHCI (Advanced Host Controller Interface) supports NCQ and other new features that will improve SATA disk performance but IDE mode does not have these advantages.

SATA IDE Combined Mode

This option is for eSATA3 port. Use this to enable or disable SATA IDE Combined Mode. The default value is [Enabled].

Hard Disk S.M.A.R.T.

Use this item to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) feature. Configuration options: [Disabled] and [Enabled].

3.4.5 Super IO Configuration

Serial Port

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard serial port.

Serial Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard serial port. Configuration options: [Auto], [3F8 / IRQ4], [2F8 / IRQ3], [3E8 / IRQ4], [2E8 / IRQ3].

CIR Controller

Use this item to enable or disable CIR controller. The default value is [Disabled].

3.4.6 ACPI Configuration

Suspend to RAM

Use this item to select whether to auto-detect or disable the Suspend-to-RAM feature. Select [Auto] will enable this feature if the OS supports it.

Check Ready Bit

Use this item to enable or disable the feature Check Ready Bit.

PS/2 Keyboard Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

PCI Devices Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PCI devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

Ring-In Power On

Use this item to enable or disable Ring-In signals to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

RTC Alarm Power On

Use this item to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system.

3.4.7 USB Configuration

USB 2.0 Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB 2.0 controller.

Legacy USB Support

Use this option to select legacy support for USB devices. There are four configuration options: [Enabled], [Auto], [Disabled] and [UEFI Setup Only]. The default value is [Enabled]. Please refer to below descriptions for the details of these four options:

[Enabled] - Enables support for legacy USB.

[Auto] - Enables legacy support if USB devices are connected.

[Disabled] - USB devices are not allowed to use under legacy OS and UEFI setup when [Disabled] is selected. If you have USB compatibility issue, it is recommended to select [Disabled] to enter OS.

[UEFI Setup Only] - USB devices are allowed to use only under UEFI setup and Windows / Linux OS.

3.5 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

In this section, it allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, chassis fan speed, and the critical voltage.

CPU Fan Setting

This allows you to set the CPU fan speed. Configuration options: [Full On] and [Automatic Mode]. The default is value [Full On].

Chassis Fan 1 Setting

This allows you to set the chassis fan 1 speed. Configuration options: [Full On] and [Manual Mode]. The default is value [Full On].

Chassis Fan 2 Setting

This allows you to set the chassis fan 2 speed. Configuration options: [Full On] and [Manual Mode]. The default is value [Full On].

3.6 Boot Screen

In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.

Setup Prompt Timeout

This shows the number of seconds to wait for setup activation key. 65535(0XFFFF) means indefinite waiting.

Bootup Num-Lock

If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

Full Screen Logo

Use this item to enable or disable OEM Logo. The default value is [Enabled].

AddOn ROM Display

Use this option to adjust AddOn ROM Display. If you enable the option "Full Screen Logo" but you want to see the AddOn ROM information when the system boots, please select [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. The default value is [Enabled].

Boot Failure Guard Count

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard Count.

Boot From Onboard LAN

Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Onboard LAN feature.

Boot Failure Guard

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard.

3.7 Security Screen

In this section, you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. For the user password, you may also clear it.

3.8 Exit Screen

Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, “Save configuration changes and exit setup?” Select [OK] to save the changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY.

Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, “Discard changes and exit setup?” Select [OK] to exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

Discard Changes

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, “Discard changes?” Select [OK] to discard all changes.

Load UEFI Defaults

Load UEFI default values for all the setup questions. F9 key can be used for this operation.

Launch EFI Shell from filesystem device

Attempts to Launch EFI Shell application (Shell64.efi) from one of the available filesystem devices.

Chapter 4: Software Support

4.1 Install Operating System

This motherboard supports various Microsoft® Windows® operating systems: 7 / 7 64-bit / Vista™ / Vista™ 64-bit / XP / XP Media Center / XP 64-bit. Because motherboard settings and hardware options vary, use the setup procedures in this chapter for general reference only. Refer to your OS documentation for more information.

4.2 Support CD Information

The Support CD that came with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard features.

4.2.1 Running The Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu did not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file "ASSETUP.EXE" from the BIN folder in the Support CD to display the menus.

4.2.2 Drivers Menu

The Drivers Menu shows the available devices drivers if the system detects installed devices. Please install the necessary drivers to activate the devices.

4.2.3 Utilities Menu

The Utilities Menu shows the applications software that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

4.2.4 Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, welcome to visit ASRock's website at http://www.asrock.com; or you may contact your dealer for further information.

Installing OS on a HDD Larger Than 2TB

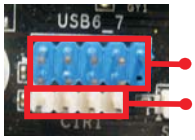
This motherboard is adopting UEFI BIOS that allows Windows® OS to be installed on a large size HDD (>2TB). Please follow below procedure to install the operating system.

1. Please make sure to use **Windows® Vista™ 64-bit (with SP1 or above)** or **Windows® 7 64-bit**.
2. Press <F2> or <Delete> at system POST. Set **AHCI Mode** in UEFI Setup Utility > Advanced > Storage Configuration > SATA Mode.
3. Choose the item **"UEFI:xxx"** to boot in UEFI Setup Utility > Boot > Boot Option #1. ("xxx" is the device which contains your Windows® installation files. Normally it is an optical drive.) You can also press <F11> to launch boot menu at system POST and choose the item **"UEFI:xxx"** to boot.
4. Start Windows® installation.
5. If you install **Windows® 7 64-bit** OS, OS will be formatted by GPT (GUID Partition Table). Please install the hotfix file from Microsoft®: http://support.microsoft.com/kb/979903

Remote Receiver Installation Guide

This motherboard is equipped with a 4-pin CIR header (CIR1, see page 10, No. 17), which is used to connect the Remote Receiver. Please refer to below procedure for installing the Remote Receiver.

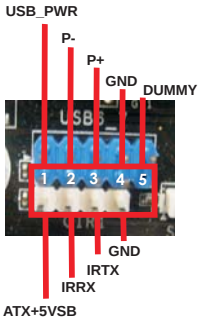
1. Find the CIR header located under the USB 2.0 header (USB8_9, see page 10, No. 18) on this motherboard.



USB 2.0 header (9-pin, blue)

CIR header (4-pin, white)

2. Connect the front USB cable to the USB 2.0 header (as below, pin 1-5) and the CIR header. Please make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.



3. Install the Remote Receiver to the front USB port. If the Remote Receiver cannot successfully receive the infrared signals from the Remote Controller, please try to install it to the other front USB port.

* Only one of the front USB port can support CIR function. When the CIR function is enabled, the other port will remain USB function.
* The Remote Receiver is used for front USB only. Please do not use the rear USB bracket to connect it on the rear panel. The Remote Receiver is able to receive the multi-direction infrared signals (top, down and front), which is compatible with most of the chassis on the market.
* The Remote Receiver and Remote Controller are not bundled with this motherboard and may be sold separately in the near future. Please visit our website for further information: http://www.asrock.com